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**In re Application of:**

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ASSAY OF ORAL FLUIDS**

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Sir:

On February 19, 2004, Applicant paid the issue fee in the above-referenced application. It has since come to Applicant's attention that additional art considered in its co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/076,596 has not yet been considered in the subject application. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests that the subject application be withdrawn from issuance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2) for consideration of the Request for Continued Examination under 37.C.F.R. 1.114 and the Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

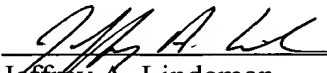
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Should there be any questions relative to this petition, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number referenced below.

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